

# Neighborhood Services, Inc. Food Pantry- 52 Years of Service to the University District

## Purpose

Neighborhood Services Inc. was founded in 1965 by a group of churches in the University District. NSI works to temper the effects of poverty by directly addressing hunger in Franklin County and by connecting those in need with critical re-sources to improve quality of life. We serve the community by passionately and respectfully serving our neighbors in need. This includes those from working, low income families, single individuals with young dependent children, and unemployed or disabled individuals and their families.

The primary service area of NSI includes 4 zip codes, all in the near-campus area. Residents of these can visit the pantry once per month for a 7-day supply of food. Any other resident can visit once per month, and can attend our monthly produce markets, and utilize our clothing room.

## Impact

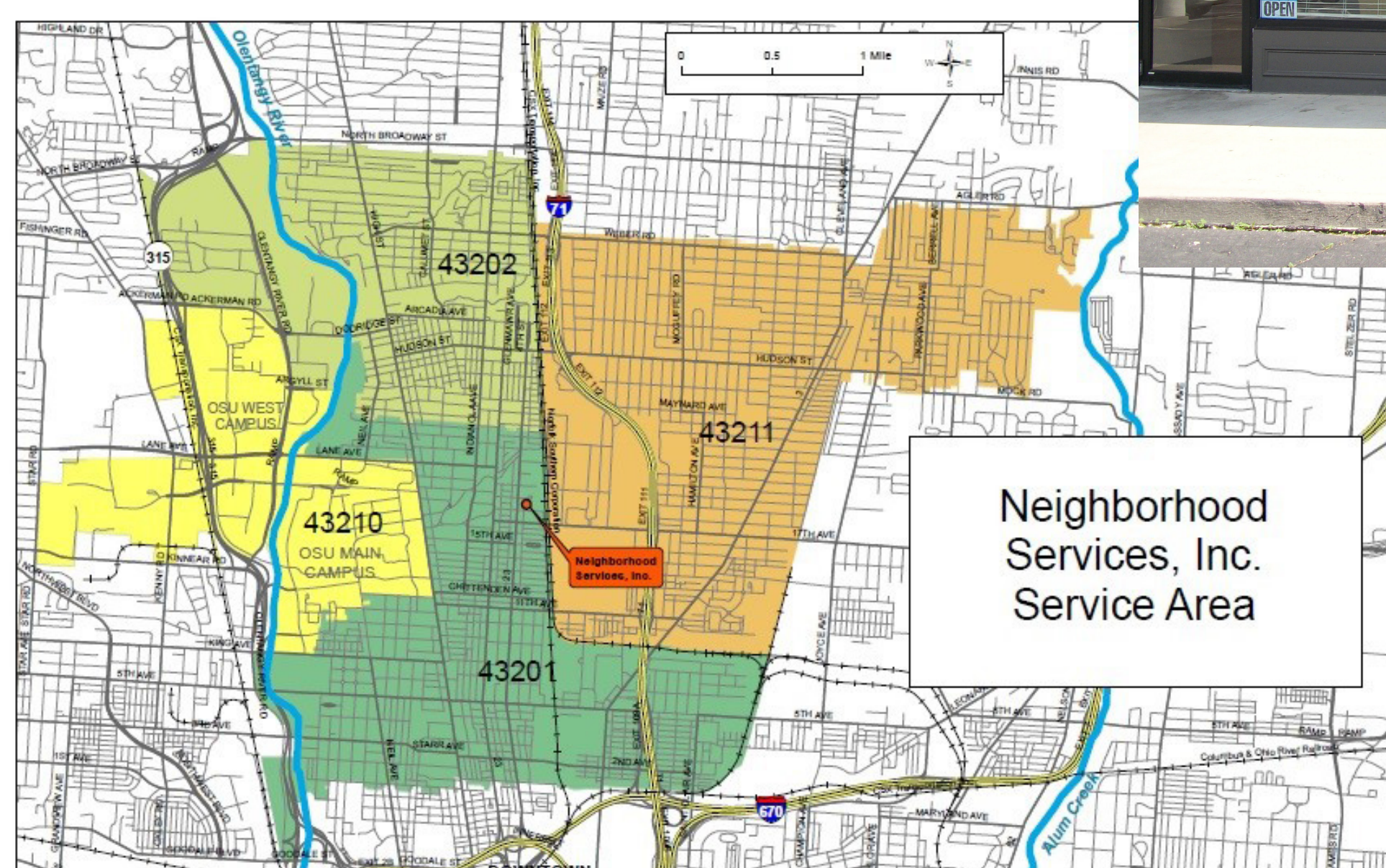
In 2016 NSI served 48 zip codes across Franklin County. Approximately one third of those we served are children. We saw 9,867 total family visits to the pantry, and experienced an increase in all service categories over 2015.

Throughout 2016 NSI provided a 7-day supply of food to 2,393 unique families, who visited an average of 4.1 times. 519 families visited our clothing room, which is open to all residents of Franklin County. 482 students were supplied with backpacks of school supplies in August, and 1,251 families received holiday food baskets during the Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holiday seasons.

**Join us. Our fight against hunger is going on in your backyard.**

## How you can get involved:

- **Pick-up from direct retail partners and deliver donated food to NSI**
- **Volunteer with monthly produce markets, every 3rd Tuesday of the month**
- **Assist with marketing, social media, or community partner development**
- **Attend NSI community fundraisers - follow us on social media to keep up with them!**
- **Volunteer to help in the pantry. Volunteers needed Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm**



## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Public Health  
Public Health in Action— Dr. Randi Love  
Ohio Union  
University Area Commission  
Non-Profit Board Immersion Program  
Pay It Forward's Semester of Service  
Leadership in Community  
Tau Beta Pi  
EnCompass at OSU

## Community Partners Involved

Aldi  
Boulevard Presbyterian Church  
Broering Farms  
Columbus Underground  
Community Shares of Mid-Ohio  
Dan the Baker  
Giant Eagle  
Glen Echo Presbyterian Church  
Global Community Methodist Church  
Happy Chicken Farms  
Holy Name Roman Catholic Church  
Indianola Church of Christ  
Indianola Presbyterian Church  
Katzinger's Delicatessen  
Kroger  
Lucky's Market  
Maynard Avenue UMC  
Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
North Area Real Estate Association  
North Columbus Friends Meeting  
Olentangy Christian Reformed Church  
Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
Panera Bread  
PDS Planning, Inc.  
Sedona Grace Foundation  
Souper Heroes  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
St. Thomas More Newman Center  
Summit on 16th UMC  
The Columbus Foundation  
University Baptist Church  
University District Organization  
University Kiwanis  
Varsity Club  
Xenos Christian Fellowship

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